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The article focuses on a research study, which determines whether measurement of access to existing child health clinics, and modelled location of new clinics, was affected by the spatial definitions of the target population. Addresses of the 140 child health clinics operating in 1992 were provided by the Health Department of Western Australia; 138 of the clinics were within the Perth region and two were outside, but accessible from within the region. Each child health clinic address was linked, using MapInfo software, to a previously geocoded reference file containing street address ranges. An important result that has been demonstrated in this study is that the placement of new clinics using coarsely generated distances will locate clinics such that access for the target group is not optimised. 30 new clinics could be located equally efficiently by minimizing the sum of the distances from households. However, if clinics were located using centroids of postcodes the population would have markedly inferior access; it could entail more than

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